

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 832

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Officer Brett Hall upon his naming as the 2007 Officer of the Year by the Maryville Police Department.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those police officers, who have dedicated themselves to protect and serve their fellow citizens, and of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Officer Brett Hall, who was chosen as the 2007 Officer of the Year by the Maryville Police Department, a fitting recognition for his immeasurable contributions to the Maryville community as a law enforcement officer with superior standards of professional conduct and ethics; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as a police officer, Officer Hall has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, this honorable award is designated by the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association, which bestowed Officer Hall with a plaque in commemoration of his prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, according to Maryville Police Chief Tony Crisp, Officer Hall has exhibited a consistency of compassion and loyalty, and it was his work as the coordinator for the Reserve Officer Program which distinguished him from other officers; and

WHEREAS, the Reserve Officer Program gives the Maryville Police Department the ability to meet staffing requirements during times of increased demand for police officers; and

WHEREAS, Officer Hall restructured the program in a unique way, established a minimum number of hours reserve officers must work to qualify for the program, and made it possible to provide a higher level of training for the program; and

WHEREAS, Officer Hall witnessed the fruits of his labor when a new class of reserve officers graduated in January; and

WHEREAS, those closest to Officer Brett Hall credit his success as a police officer to his strong work ethic and his desire to protect people; and

WHEREAS, Officer Hall also dedicates his time and energies to the Community Oriented Policing program and is an esteemed member of the Special Weapons and Tactics team, a firearms instructor, a Rape Aggression Defense instructor, a Defensive Tactics instructor, and an instructor for education outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, Officer Brett Hall's devotion to duty and diligent efforts are a credit to himself, the Maryville Police Department, and to the men and women who protect and serve everywhere; and

WHEREAS, devoted to the highest ideals of public service, Officer Brett Hall epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Officer Hall is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby salute Officer Brett Hall upon his selection as the Maryville Police Department's 2007 Officer of the Year, commend his work both in and out of the line of duty, thank him for his service to the good people of Maryville and Tennessee, and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.